House Resolution No. 2559

Whereas, it is with tremendous pleasure and utmost respect that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause in their diverse legislative endeavors in order to acknowledge milestone events in the lives and careers of Show-Me State residents who have made admirable contributions to local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, Ana R. Melgoza of Kansas City, Missouri, has attained considerable distinction for her highly effective leadership efforts as Vice President of Organizational Development at the Don Bosco Community Center which provides family, senior, counseling, and youth programs, and which supports immigrants and refugees; and

Whereas, during Cinco de Mayo festivities in Washington, D.C., Ana Melgoza enhanced her record of achievement through the receipt of a 2003 Latina Leadership of the Year Award from the National Foundation of Women Legislators; and

Whereas, Ana Melgoza prepared for her chosen field of endeavor by earning a Bachelor of Arts degree from Rockhurst University with additional studies as a National Security Education Program Scholar, Magajovi Russia Scholar, and participant in the United Nations Advanced Social Studies Institute of Latin America; and

Whereas, holder of numerous awards and honors, Ana Melgoza has developed and maintained an excellent reputation for her labors with the Samuel Rogers Health Clinic Board, FOCUS Kansas City, Our Lady of Guadalupe Board, American Society of Public Administrators, All-American Cities Award Competition, the "Fountain Pen" city hall newsletter, Kansas City Star, Greater Kansas City Women's Political Caucus, Guillian Barre Society, Mid-Continent Girl Scouts, Union Station Board of Volunteers, and the MANA Hermanitas Program; and

Whereas, Ana Melgoza is the beloved daughter of Alicia and Tomas Melgoza and the loving sibling of Alicia Judith Caudillo, Adriana Pecina, Tomas Melgoza, Jr., Hugo Melgoza, Daniel Melgoza, and Jacqueline Bernadette:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the well-deserved selection of Ana Melgoza for a 2003 Latina Leadership of the Year Award from the National Foundation of Women Legislators and to convey to her this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes for continued personal and professional success now and in the future; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Ana R. Melgoza, as an expression of our esteem for her and her civic contributions.

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2559, adopted May 6, 2003.